



FROM THE TOP:

Happy Presidents Day!!!!!!!

Meeting February 18 at McDougal Hall on the campus of the Sonoma Development Center at 7:30 pm. We will be looking at computer connections to VHF/UHF radios and the TravelPlus Repeater Guide.

It feels like winter has returned to the Sonoma Valley, so keep those batteries charged and ready for when the next storm blows in.

There is a VE Session on February 21 at McDougal Hall on the campus of the Sonoma Development Center.

The Silverado Amateur Radio Club, is having their monthly meeting on February 17. The topic will be the program Open APRS. Check out their website at:

<http://www.napasars.org>

At last month's meeting we had a demonstration of Ham Radio Deluxe. You can go to the website and check it out. (<http://www.ham-radio-deluxe.com/>) It is a truly amazing program.

In March we are scheduled to have a presentation on the USS Hornet that is docked in Alameda. <http://www.uss-hornet.org/>. If you get a chance stop by and check it out.

There will be an event at the Sonoma Airport in March. The date is to be determined. We will

be demonstrating ATV, hopefully. We will also set up a station and operate a contest.

We are looking for net control stations for the Wednesday night net for August. Check your calendar and sign up if you can.

I hope to see you all at the February meeting.

Minutes January 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM. There were 18 in attendance.

There were no minutes for the December meeting since it was the dinner and installation of officers.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$2199.75 in the bank.

ACS: There will be a quarterly unit leader's meeting on January 26th in Santa Rosa.

Training officer: The high school group wanted to make microphones so Dean & Jim helped them make a dynamic and a carbon mic. We still need to get them on the air.

VE Sessions: The scheduled VE sessions are Feb. 21, 2009, at McDougal Hall, Sonoma Developmental Center; April 25, 2009 at the Ham Fest at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, Sonoma; Aug. 22, 2009, and Nov. 21, 2009, at McDougal Hall, Sonoma Developmental Center.

There is an upcoming event for which volunteers are wanted. It is the Amjam bike race. The first leg will go from Calistoga over the mountain to Santa Rosa. The Amjam is an

8 day bike race. It will be Sunday February 15, 2009. If you want to volunteer, contact Craig, K6XLT. Volunteers will need to be at the assembly point in Santa Rosa before 9AM that day.

There is a web site with all the contest info on it. There are a number of contests coming up. If interested, check

www.arrl.org/contest/calendar.html .

Hamfest: It was suggested that it is not too early to start advertising for the Ham Fest. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word. It was decided to start the breakfast at 7:30AM this year as the Ham Fest is the same day as Petaluma's Butter and Eggs Day Parade. There will be a special event station at the parade, so we want to encourage all the hams to come to the Ham Fest first and then go to the parade. It was, also, discussed that it has become harder to get vendors to attend our Ham Fest. The suggestion was made that when passing out flyers for our Ham Fest at the Livermore swap meet, we have a special flyer for vendors offering a free breakfast for vendors only.

New Business:

There is a light house event to be held two Saturdays in August - the 8th and 15th. There is a national light house and light ship contest that week end. Check ARLHS.org. It is proposed that the club make this a club event and go to Point Reyes Light House to set up a couple of stations and work the contest. The club has a special call sign, N6P for its use for the week of the contest. It is suggested that we have two transmitters and two antennas and only about four people at a time working in shifts as there is not a lot of space at the light house for parking. It was suggested the club might make up a special QSL card with the special call sign on it for this event.

Net control sign ups are still available. Please check the VOMARC.org web site for available months. VOMARC has a couple spaces and ACS has several available.

There is a speaker lined up for the March meeting, but suggestions are wanted for programs or speakers you may want to hear.

There can also be projects to do if members want. Please give suggestions to the program committee, Jim, K6UUW, Ken, N6KM, or Joan, W6WXU. The speaker for March will be talking about the ham station on board the USS Hornet.

There was discussion of how ham radio can flow through the community into other areas. Alan, K6KLL, was talking to Dean and Jim about the ham club at the high school and the discussion turned to early radio broadcasting. That led to Alan getting in touch with June Martin, the drama instructor at the high school, which led to the class doing a drama of one of the Lone Ranger radio programs. The students (and most of their parents) had never heard of the Lone Ranger, let alone heard one of the broadcasts, so Alan played one for them and they then recreated it in a drama.

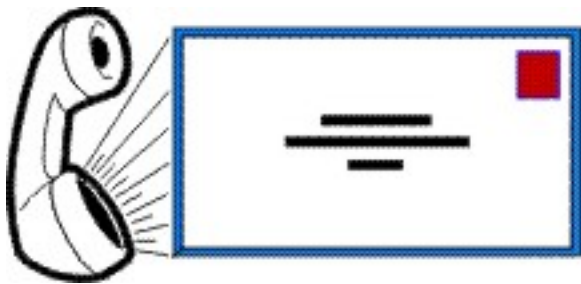
There was discussion of the recreated Nike missile site at the the Marin headlands. It is not armed, but is operational and open for viewing by the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Jim, K6UUW, and Dave, KD6FIL, gave a presentation on Ham Radio Deluxe. An internet program that can be downloaded. It is a windows program that provides computer control for commonly used transceivers and receiver. It includes mapping, satellite tracking and the digital mode program Digital Master 780.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan W6WXU
Secretary



We Get Email

The Silverado Amateur Radio Society would like to invite you to our Meeting on February 17, 2009 at 7pm for a presentation on Open APRS. This presentation was cut short at Pacificon in October. The presentation will be given by Greg Carter NV6G.

Our meeting location is 2383 Napa Vallejo Highway, Napa, CA. Greg has developed open APRS and is working on a new program that I think you will be interested in. If you have any questions please contact me at ae6w@comcast.net.

Thank you,
David Whalin

2009 VOMARC

Net Control Assignments

Month	Name	Call
MARCH	KEN	N6KM
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W6LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

2009 ACS Net Control Assignments

Month	Name	Call
MARCH	KEN	N6KM
APRIL	AL	KI6LNK
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until the Sonoma Police station renovation is completed.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa's Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local. (During Issa's remodel, we have been meeting at Black Bear Diner at 08:30.)

(Since the fire at Black Bear, we have been meeting at the Shellville Grille at 9:00.)

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to: Eileen@vom.com

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**THE NEXT VOMARC MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, AT MC DOUGALL HALL AT
THE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER IN ELDRIDGE, AT 7:30PM
SEE YOU THERE.**

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2009 Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Marty KI6RTP, 20829 Via Colombard, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to:

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